

Regional Scholarship 2020-21 (Africa) (Postgraduate)

If you're an international student from an African nation and are self-funding your postgraduate studies, you could be eligible for a scholarship of £4,000, paid as a discount on your tuition fee. Awards will be made on the basis of grades obtained in your first degree, so all applications for relevant courses will automatically be considered. The scholarship is awarded as a partial tuition fee waiver and is available for students on postgraduate taught Masters courses (excluding MBA).

Terms and conditions

Academic requirements

If you have a degree from any of the following countries, these are the academic requirements:

Country	Academic requirement
Ghana	CGPA 3.0/4.0 or above
Nigeria	CGPA 3/5 or above
Other member states of the African Union	2:1 or above (or equivalent as defined by our Postgraduate Admissions selection criteria)

You will also be considered for this award if you are a national of an African nation and you have a degree:

- from a recognised UK university other than the University of Essex with a 2:1 or above;
- from a recognised university with a 2:1 or above (or equivalent as defined by our Postgraduate Admissions selection criteria) from any of the following countries:
 - Bangladesh
 - Brazil
 - Canada
 - Chile
 - China
 - Colombia
 - Hong Kong
 - India
 - Indonesia
 - Japan
 - Jordan
 - Kazakhstan
 - Malaysia
 - Mexico
 - Nepal
 - Norway
 - Pakistan
 - Russia

- Sri Lanka
- Taiwan
- Thailand
- Turkey
- USA
- Vietnam

Eligibility

- These scholarships are restricted to applicants who are overseas fee payers and are entirely self-funded. They are not available to students who are fully or partly sponsored;
- Applicants must be a national of an African nation (defined as a member state of the African Union);
- These scholarships may be awarded to students who have completed relevant school or university studies in one of the specified countries, and who are nationals of an African nation;
- Graduates of the University of Essex are not eligible for this award;
- Students must have been awarded a first degree with the grade specified or above. A higher Masters grade cannot be taken to compensate for a lower Bachelors grade;
- Eligible courses are those which are full-time taught Masters courses leading to MA, MSc, LLM, MFA and MRes degrees. The Essex MBA is excluded;
- Only one scholarship award can be made per student and the award cannot normally be held in conjunction with other University of Essex awards;
- This scholarship is available for the first year of Masters study only;
- These scholarships do not apply to deferred entry. Where a student, to whom a scholarship has been offered, requests deferred entry, the award will be considered again in line with the terms and conditions that apply in the new proposed year of entry.
- Successful applicants should be available for promotional activities.

How to apply

- These scholarships will be awarded on the basis of academic merit and all academic applications will automatically be considered;
- The University will use official transcripts and certificates, submitted as part of the original application, as evidence of grades achieved and no alternative supporting evidence will be accepted;
- Applicants who have firmly accepted an offer of a place by 18 September 2020, and obtain a place on a course at Essex, will be considered for these scholarships.

Payment arrangements

These scholarships will only be made available as a reduction on the tuition fee that is payable on registration at the University. If you intermit from your course, you may, with the agreement of your department and at the discretion of the Director of Marketing and Student Recruitment, be entitled to a pro-rata payment of the remainder of your award on your return to study. Please contact the Funding Team for further information.

Resolution of disputes

Acceptance of this award constitutes acceptance of these terms and conditions. Registered students should contact the Funding Team in the first instance for guidance regarding this award. In cases not covered by the above terms and conditions, or where a student claims exceptional circumstances, or disputes a decision not to make payments due under an award, final appeals on decisions regarding eligibility must be made via the Student Complaints process. The Academic Registrar or his/her nominee will review the case and his/her decision will be final.

These terms and conditions apply to the academic year 2020-21. The University of Essex reserves the right to update these terms and conditions as necessary.